(f) Such details are not monitored.

Prices of Fincort Range Formulation*

2100. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3289 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the price fixed for Flucort range of formulations under DPCO, 1979 and at what price the company was selling each formulation under DPCO, 1979;

(b) whether it is a fact that the producer of Flucort range of formulations was issued a notice for overcharging the prices;

(c) if so, when and what were the contents of the notice;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry issued a notice for recovery into Drug Prices Equalisation Account; and

(e) if so, when and what were the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Revision of the Prices of Rifampicin

2101. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently revised the price of Rifampicin to Rs. 2500 per kilogram;

(b) whether it is a fact that based on the imports made from West Germany and other countries the landed cost of import o fRifampicin is $140 to ? 160 per kg.;

(c) whether it is a fact that 3 Formal Rifa SV and l-amino-4 methyl Piperazine which are i-quired for the production of one Kg. of Rifampicin cost $205;

(d) whether it is a fact that the country is losing valuable foreign exchange and poor TB patients are being looted on account of import of intermediates; and

(e) whether it is a fact that his order of allowing 20 per cent of Rifampicin as direct imports have not been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recently, some quantities have been ordered on a West German supplier at rates varying between $145 to 5156 per KG., CIF.

(c) and (d) The alleged over-invoicing in the import of intermediates for the production of Rifampicin bulk drug has been referred to the Ministry of Finance for investigation,

(e) In the current Import and Export Policy (April-1988-March, 1991) Rifampicin has been put in Appendix-3_t Part-A *i.e.* list of limited permissible items.

Recategorisation of Rifampicin

2102. SHRI HARl SINGH:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee have recommended for shift ing of Rifampicin from Category-I to Category-11;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such recommendation will adversely affect the TB and Leprotic patients;

(c) whether it is also a fact that with this recommendation, the formulations based on this drug would become price decontrolled for small scale units;

(d) what are the names of major for nicators of Rifampicin and what are the names of small scale sector units having some association with them; and